

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An outboard engine assembly comprising:
  - an engine;
  - a vertically oriented driveshaft operatively coupled to the engine;
  - a drive mechanism operatively coupled to the driveshaft;
  - a gear case that houses at least a portion of the drive mechanism;
  - a cowling disposed around the engine; and
  - an electroluminescent light source mounted on the cowling.
2. The outboard engine assembly of claim 1, wherein the cowling includes an upper motor cover that surrounds at least a part of the engine, and a lower motor cover that houses a remainder of the engine; and
  - the electroluminescent light source is mounted to the lower motor cover.
3. A cowling having a front, a rear and a pair of sides, comprising:
  - an upper motor cover configured to surround at least a part of an engine;
  - a lower motor cover that mates with the upper motor cover configured to house at least part of the engine; and
  - an electroluminescent light source.
4. The cowling of claim 3, wherein the electroluminescent light source is mounted on the lower motor cover.
5. The cowling of claim 3, wherein the electroluminescent light source is a sticker.

6. An outboard engine assembly comprising:
  - an engine;
  - a vertically oriented driveshaft operatively coupled to the engine;
  - a drive mechanism operatively coupled to the driveshaft;
  - a gear case that houses at least a portion of the drive mechanism;
  - a cowling disposed around the engine; and
  - an illuminator removably mounted on the cowling.
7. The outboard engine assembly of claim 6, wherein the illuminator is a lamp.
8. The outboard engine assembly of claim 6, wherein the cowling includes an upper motor cover that surrounds at least a part of the engine, and a lower motor cover that houses a remainder of the engine; and
  - the illuminator is removably mounted on the lower motor cover.
9. The outboard engine assembly of claim 7, wherein the lamp has its own power source.
10. The outboard engine assembly of claim 9, wherein the power source is a rechargeable power source.
11. The outboard engine assembly of claim 7, wherein the lamp is a flexible flashlight including a bendable handle.
12. A cowling having a front, a rear and a pair of sides, comprising:
  - an upper motor cover configured to surround at least a part of an engine;
  - a lower motor cover that mates with the upper motor cover configured to house at least part of an engine; and

a removably mounted illuminator.

13. The cowling of claim 12, wherein the illuminator is a lamp.
14. The cowling of claim 12, wherein the illuminator is removably mounted on the lower motor cover.
15. The outboard engine assembly of claim 13, wherein the lamp has its own power source.
16. The cowling of claim 15, wherein the lamp has a rechargeable power source.
17. The cowling of claim 13, wherein the lamp is a flexible flashlight including a bendable handle.